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# BULLETIN

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## THE WHEAT SAVED

by

Hauser, Hesler and Payne

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**A**T KIOWA, Kansas, August Hauser had a field of one hundred and forty acres that was threshed last summer at a cost of twelve cents a bushel. Thereafter he noticed that the wheat straw contained considerable wheat grain. This came to him when he was hauling it in for bedding. He decided to re-thresh it as an experiment and the work was handled in twenty hours by the same rig that originally threshed it at a cost of about \$1.00 per bushel for the wheat recovered. The original job was a poor piece of work but Mr. Hauser thinks that threshing is being rushed to such an extent that there is a great deal of the same grade of work being done throughout the country. The wheat threshed last summer was No. 2 and weighed 61 and 62 pounds. That just recovered was of the same grade, and weighed 59 and 60 pounds. There were 131 bushels of it, selling on the Kiowa basis at \$2.50 per bushel. The Kiowa News Review of April 27, commenting upon the above, says:

"From the Hauser farm the threshing outfit went to the Joe Hesler farm and similar results were obtained by threshing the straw over."

While it would be possible to get all the grain out on the first threshing if proper attention were paid to it, there can be no question but that good wheat is being left in the straw by poor adjustment of threshing machines.

Some years ago, on his father's farm near Lexington, Kentucky, B. H. Payne was told by a neighbor that it paid to rake the stubble so as to save the wheat lost from the sheaves. The binder seemed to have been handled carefully and all the grain to have been shocked and stacked, but the farmer insisted that every stubble field *looks* clean until you put a rake on it; so the Payne boy raked their 25 acres of stubble; and, after paying the cost of hauling and threshing, the wheat recovered in this way brought \$65.35.

In Hauser's case, the threshing expense was twelve cents per bushel for the 2,520 bushels of wheat threshed from the 140-acre field, *plus the 131 bushels of No. 2 wheat* thrown out by the fan and the stacker.

In Payne's case, it was an extra shocking and hauling expense of about Seventy Dollars.

Of course, no farmer is going to pay such threshing and hauling charges if he knows it. And, if he remembers to look into the matter, he *will* know it. Therefore, this is being printed only as a reminder and in the hope that it may serve to prevent loss of grain; for our best information is to the effect that when all the wheat in sight in the world is grown and ground and baked into bread, not all the world will have been fed, nor other wheat have been grown and ground.

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